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and lucid this is, and how we all wish that we had come across such a paragraph in our early studies of architecture:—"On page 23 we have pictures of two windows. One of them is what is called a *Pointed* window. All the arches in it go up to a point. It was built a long time before the Tudor period. The other was built in the time of Queen Elizabeth. In it the upright shaft, or *mullion* of the window goes straight up to the top without forming an arch. This style of building a window is called the *Perpendicular Style*, because the mullions of the windows are 'perpendicular.' Some of the most famous buildings in England built in Tudor times, and in the Perpendicular style, are the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, and Hatfield House, the residence of the Marquis of Salisbury, in Hertfordshire." Mr. Arnold Forster has done in this volume for children and the illiterate, what Professor Green did in his *Shorter History of England* for somewhat more advanced students, awakening many of us to the fact that history is an entrancing subject of study. This is a real introduction to real history. The portraits are an especially valuable feature of the work.

The Adventures of Mabel, by R. Pyke (J. Bowden). A pretty American tale of a little girl who knew how to make friends with all the beasts of the forest, and how to get them to talk with her in their own speech; and that, without going very far from her grandmamma's cottage either. The "black and white" pictures are very bold, and the interest of the story is well sustained. What should be a *sine qua non* in children's books, the style is simple and unaffected, as if the author had sat down to the study of such models as Bunyan and De Foe, before he began to write.

Ancient Classics (Blackwood, 1/- each). We have to thank Messrs. Blackwood for another batch of the "Ancient Classics," of which we have twice already spoken in praise. The present volumes maintain the high literary and critical level which marks the series. They are:—

Hesiod (edited by Rev. J. Davies). The "Works and Days," describing the rural life of Greece near three thousand years ago; and the author's proverbial philosophy, where the wise saws and modern instances might have been collected by some poets of our own day. This, for example, brings us very near in thought to the father of Greek didactic poetry:—

"No rumour wholly dies, once bruited wide,
But deathless like a goddess doth abide."

Aristophanes (edited by Rev. L. Collins). We are thankful for a little volume which gives some insight into Athenian life and Athenian philosophy as they appeared in the eyes of the inimitable satirist. The Attic salt of the comedies does not lose all its savour in translation.

Pliny's Letters (edited by A. Church & W. J. Brodribb). It is pleasant to have the delightful picture of a Roman gentleman which the Younger Pliny's letters afford, done into English in so handy a form. He writes as an eye-witness of the destruction of Pompeii. Nothing in the "Letters" is sweeter than the description of Paudanus's younger daughter.

Euripides (edited by W. B. Donne). "In all his pieces there is the sweet human voice, the fluttering human heart," Kenelm Digby (quoted p. 51). "He is sometimes peccant, as he is most times perfect," Ben Jonson (quoted in preface). The chapter on "Athens in the days of Euripides" is very helpful.

Juvenal (edited by E. Walford). History repeats itself: Juvenal, in his satires, sighs for the simplicity of earlier days, as many amongst ourselves are sighing to-day; though happily our English vices are not as the vices of ancient Rome.

Plautus and Terence (edited by Rev. L. Collins). The Roman comic drama, "an inheritance from Greece," is ably dealt with in the introductory chapter. The *Bragadaccio*, *The Haunted House*, *The Shipwreck*, *The Captives*, *The Brothers*, are full of interest.

The Girls' Own Annual (Religious Tract Society, 8/6). Such papers as *Our Girls Awheel*,—*In Hohenloh Land*,—*A Month's Holiday in London*, should recommend this volume to intelligent girls. The editor knows his *clientèle* no doubt, and the stories should be refreshing and stimulating as well as thoroughly wholesome for girls to whom a more literary style would not appeal.

Panacea. A pleasingly-written little story of the friendship between an old man and a boy.

The Boys' Own Annual (Religious Tract Society, 8/6) is, as usual, full of every sort of matter dear to the heart of any boy and every boy:—*How to Make an Engine*,—*How to Make Moving Figures*,—*Adventures in Africa*,—*Adventures in the Arctic Ocean*,—*How to Keep Fowls*,—the splendid coloured picture of the boys' own fowl-yard, with its carefully-named and faithful portraits of fifty different kinds of fowls, should be a delight to any poultry keeper. *How to Photograph Ghosts* is an exciting title; one would say the old advice—"first catch your hare"—applied in this case also. It is pleasant to think of the thousands of eager lads who will turn over this fat volume with delight.

THE "P.R." LETTER BAG.

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DEAR EDITOR,—May I recommend two books for you, perhaps to mention sometimes in the *Parents' Review*? *Jesus the Carpenter, of Nazareth*, by a Mr. Bird, and then *Heralds of the Cross*, by Miss Arnold-Forster. The latter is a most delightful book, and is intended to rouse a little interest in missionary work. Sometimes I have to wait so long before coming across a really suitable book on subjects like these, that I must write and let you know about them in case other parents had not come across them. With kind regards,

Believe me, yours, very sincerely,

ALICE TILLIE.

28, Huntly Gardens, Glasgow, W., Dec. 7th, 1897.

Miss Arnold-Forster writes:—"Fox Ghyll, Ambleside, Dec. 10th, 1897. Dear Miss Mason,—Things move fast in the missionary world, and so much has happened since that book was written, that it is an unexpected pleasure to hear of it still in use, and still serving the purpose I had so earnestly at heart in compiling it, interesting children in that most interesting and far-reaching subject. With many thanks, believe me, dear Miss Mason, yours sincerely, Frances Arnold-Forster."

DEAR EDITOR,—I am making a comparative study of children's drawings, from their first attempts up to the age of seven. Could any of your readers help me in the work by sending specimens of drawings, however rough, done by their own or other people's children, of *persons* or *animals*? The drawings must have been done entirely by the children, without any suggestion from a grown-up person, and the age of the child must be accurately given. I should be glad to know whether they are by a boy or girl. Any drawings sent will be carefully returned, if required again.

Yours faithfully,

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Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Blogg.

The Library Committee beg to acknowledge the gifts of the following books by their authors:—"Glances into Plant Life," Mrs. Brightwen, and also copy of vol. 1., Selborne Magazine, 1888; "Stray Thoughts on Reading," Miss Soulsby; also "Hygiene of the Nursery" (Starr); "Hygiene of Childhood and Youth" (T. M. Madden, M.D.); "New Recitations for Infants and Babies" (Pickering); "National Congress of Mothers" (published by the National Congress, Washington); "Daily Life of Women" (Sharman); "What is Play" (Strachan); "Psychology for Teachers" (Lloyd Morgan); "Mother, Baby and Nursery" (Tucker); "Kindergarten Bible Stories" (Davidson), presented by Miss Mason.

BELGRAVIA.—Dr. Schofield will give an address on "The Philosophy of Education," on January 26th, at 41, Queen's Gate Gardens (by kind permission of Mrs. Shirreff Hilton). The Rev. L. H. Wellesley-Wesley has kindly consented to address this branch during February.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER. Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Franklin, 9, Pembroke Gardens, W. (at home Thursday mornings).—November 25th, at 5, Sussex Square (by kind permission of Mrs. Norman), Mrs. Clement Parsons, gave a most delightful address, entitled "Childhood and Romance," Mr. Algernon C. P. Coote in the chair. Mrs. Parsons spoke most charmingly of her own childhood fancies and play, and pleaded for more space and leisure for our children to live in the land of fancy, which all too soon vanishes away.—The same note was struck, though from a different point of view, on December 7th, when Miss Helen Webb, M.B. (London), very kindly lectured at 98, Harley Street (by kind permission of Mrs. Morley Fletcher), on "Neurotic Children," Dr. Schorstein's lecture being postponed to March 22nd, owing to his illness. Miss Webb spoke of the two kinds of neurotic children, the protected and unprotected, and showed how, in the treatment of the latter, the natural history of the former should be studied. Miss Webb urged strongly for less rush, less high pressure and less excitement in children's lives. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Symes Thompson, and a large audience listened with the deepest interest to the lecture. A discussion followed.—The following arrangements have been made:—January 18th, Miss Simpson (of the Yorkshire College, Leeds), will lecture at 5 p.m., at 23, Linden Gardens (by kind permission of Mrs. Pixley), on "Lost Opportunities: Hints on how to interest Children in the more ordinary aspects of Nature," illustrated by lantern slides. Hockey for girls and boys has been arranged for the holidays, and a cookery class has also been formed.—Brush-drawing, Sloyd, Clay-Modelling, and Swedish Drill classes, will recommence on January 20th.—There will also be a course of six lectures on "The life of Louis XIII. of France," by Mrs. Crump, at 9, Pembroke Gardens, on Tuesdays, at 11.30 a.m.; fee, 10s.—A reading circle (free to members), will meet on Mondays, at 11.30, at the same address.

WANSTEAD AND WOODFORD.—On Nov. 19th, at Mrs. Molesworth Kindersley's, Mrs. Miall spoke before this branch on "Forgetting." There was a large attendance and some new members joined the Union. The next meeting will be at the end of January.

HAMPSTEAD.—It is with much pleasure that we are able to state that this branch is feeling the good effects of the subdivision which was made